

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of Claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A surgical towel, comprising:

a woven single-ply sheet of 100% cotton ~~sheet of woven~~ fabric comprising at least one stitched hem;

a synthetic ~~or cotton yarn sewing~~ thread for stitching the hem, the thread of a different color than a color of the fabric ~~for stitching the hem~~, the synthetic ~~or cotton yarn sewing~~ thread color visually identifying the surgical towel as x-ray detectable when said surgical towel is external to a patient's body; and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material attached to the fabric by the thread, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem allowing visual identification of the x-ray detectable material's location, the x-ray detectable material comprising identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel, said identifying characteristics comprising a brand name ~~chosen from the group~~

~~consisting of a predetermined shape, a predetermined coding indicia, and a predetermined number indicia.~~

Claim 39 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO<sub>4</sub>.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Claim 41 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO<sub>4</sub> and 40% PVC.

Claim 42-43 (Canceled).

Claim 44 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 38, whereby the x-ray detectable material is a flexible strip through which the hem stitching is sewn.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended) A surgical towel comprising:

a sheet of single-ply woven 100% cotton fabric having four edges;

at least one hem stitched in at least one of the four edges;

a synthetic ~~or cotton yarn sewing~~ thread for stitching the at least one hem,  
the thread of a different color than a color of the cotton fabric ~~for stitching the at least one~~  
~~hem~~, the color of the synthetic ~~or cotton yarn sewing~~ thread visually identifying the  
surgical towel as x-ray detectable when said surgical towel is external to a patient's body;  
and

at least one piece of x-ray detectable material attached to the fabric by the  
thread, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem allowing visual  
identification of the x-ray detectable material's location, the x-ray detectable material  
comprising identifying characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel,  
said identifying characteristics comprising a number ~~chosen from the group consisting of~~  
~~a predetermined shape, a predetermined coding indicia, and a predetermined number~~  
~~indicia.~~

Claim 46 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the  
piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO<sub>4</sub>.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the  
piece of x-ray detectable material further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC)

Claim 48 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO<sub>4</sub> and 40% PVC.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 45, whereby the x-ray detectable material is a flexible strip through which the hem stitching is sewn.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended) A surgical towel comprising:  
a sheet of single-ply woven 100% cotton fabric having four edges;  
at least one hem stitched in at least one of the four edges;  
a synthetic ~~or cotton yarn sewing~~ thread for stitching the at least one hem,  
the thread of a different color than a color of the cotton fabric ~~for stitching the at least one~~  
~~hem,~~ the color of the synthetic ~~or cotton yarn sewing~~ thread visually identifying the  
surgical towel as x-ray detectable when said surgical towel is external to a patient's body;  
and

multiple pieces ~~at least one piece~~ of x-ray detectable material through  
which the hem stitching is sewn, the x-ray detectable material protruding from the hem  
but not extending past an edge of the fabric, allowing visual identification of the x-ray  
detectable material's location, the x-ray detectable material comprising identifying  
characteristics to identify an x-rayed object as a surgical towel, said identifying  
characteristics comprising a brand name ~~chosen from the group consisting of a~~

~~predetermined shape, a predetermined coding indicia, and a predetermined number~~  
indicia.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises Barite, Barium, or BaSO<sub>4</sub>.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material further comprises polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Claim 55 (Previously Presented) The surgical towel of claim 52, whereby the piece of x-ray detectable material comprises 60% BaSO<sub>4</sub> and 40% PVC.